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MEMORANDUM FOR: All NIOs

SUBJECT: An Estimates Schedule

1. Several USIB members -- most notably, Admiral de Poix -- have asked whether or not we plan to issue quarterly schedules of forthcoming Estimates. These queries have all been fairly low key and some of them have been either plaintive or wistful.

2. As you know I have so far resisted moving in this direction, primarily out of the desire to avoid over-bureaucratizing the structure and/or getting us locked into a production schedule that reduces our flexibility and capacity for adjusting either the production or timing of national products to suit current (hence changing) priorities and requirements. Nonetheless, the request from other USIB members for at least a skeletal schedule that would permit them to plan their own internal work assignments and facilitate their meshing national requirements with their own departmental ones is not at all unreasonable.

3. I would therefore appreciate it if each of you could jot down the national tasks (e.g., Estimates or other papers that will come before USIB) that you know will arise during the third quarter of calendar 1974, plus any that you see clearly on the horizon in the fourth quarter. If you would send these notes to [] he can collate them into a combined schedule, which we can then review. If publishing it would help others in the Community without locking us in more tightly than we care to be locked, we can submit it to the DCI for issuance. No final decisions on this score will be made, however, until we have a chance to review the exercise internally and collegially.

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